

Appl. No. 10/713,369  
Amdt. dated Jan 28, 2005  
Reply to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of Jan. 23, 2005

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

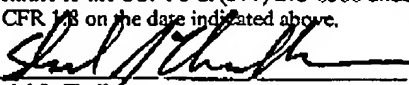
Claims 1-15 and 17-21 are currently pending in the application. The status identifiers to Claims 8, 9 and 20 have been changed from "original" to "currently amended" in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. It is believed that no fees are due at this time. In view of the amendments and the remarks in the response to Office Action filed on June 8, 2005, applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-15 and 17-21, as amended, are fully patentable. Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the examiner has any questions or comments, or if further clarification is required, it is requested that the examiner contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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